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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated October 24, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests prosecution of Claims 23 - 31 with traverse. The Examiner indicates Claims 23 - 31 are drawn to a "functional element." Applicant believes that Claims 23-31, including independent Claim 23 are drawn to a single species. Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claim 23 is a generic claim for a functional element.

Applicant retains the right to prosecute Claims 1-22 and 32-43 at a later time.

Although it is believed that no fee is due for the filing of this Response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayments regarding this Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that the enclosed **Response to Restriction Requirement** is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee," Mailing Label No. **EL997489867US** and addressed to **Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment**, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on **November 24, 2003**.



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